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1. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers!

2. MUSIC: RANGER SONG

3. ANNOUNCER: Today national-defense authorities look to the forests  
4. of America for important contributions to the defense program.  
5. There is a great and urgent need for lumber, wood cellulose, plywood.  
6. There is a great need for all forest products, and indeed, for the  
7. forest itself. In our National Forests a network of thousands of miles  
8. of roads and trails are available for any purpose national defense may  
9. require. Thousands of miles of telephone lines and hundreds of sets of  
10. special forest radio equipment are on hand for instant use in emergency  
11. communication. In the field of transportation the Forest Service has  
12. developed heavy motorized equipment and skilled operators. There are also  
13. 61 landing fields in the National Forests...many of them in remote,  
14. mountainous regions where landing chances are few and far between. These  
15. physical resources and the men of the United States Forest Service who  
16. have developed them in defense of our forests now stand ready and capable  
17. to serve in defense of our Nation.

18. But now let's see what's happening on the Pine Cone National  
19. Forest. Ranger Jim Robbins has been busy inspecting work on an airplane  
20. landing field being built by the CCC camp under the supervision of the  
21. Forest Service. And now, late at night, we find Jim in the little office  
22. at the side camp up at the landing field, talking to Dave Parsons, the  
23. Project Superintendent. Here they are----

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1. JIM: Yes, Dave, I think the boys are doing a fine job. I sorta  
2. wish, though, we'd at least finished that runway.  
3. DAVE: But, Jim, we got started so dogged late on this project.  
4. First, the fire season ruinin' so late in the summer an' then,  
5. these heavy snows we've been having. It's messed things up.  
6. If it'll only stay clear like it is now. An' besides, Jim,  
7. we've only got a hundred feet or so to finish on the runway.  
8. JIM: I know, Dave, I know. I was just doin' some wishful thinking,  
9. that's all.  
10. DAVE: Huh?  
11. JIM: It's this Major Burnett. It would've been great if he  
12. could've planned to land right here on our little field  
13. instead of havin' to fly way on to Elk City.  
14. DAVE: Well, that's out. Anybody who'd try to land here with the  
15. field like it is now would be crazy as a loon. By the way,  
16. Jim, when do you expect this Major Burnett?  
17. JIM: He's due tomorrow. According to the Forest Supervisor's  
18. memorandum the Major was to land at the Elk City airport  
19. this evening. He's goin' to take a train from there to  
20. Willow Glen and somebody's to meet him in Willow Glenn  
21. tomorrow morning early, and bring him up here.  
22. DAVE: That'll be Assistant Ranger Quick's job, huh?  
23. JIM: Yeah, Jerry will meet him. And that's why I planned to stay  
24. over here tonight. To see how things have been going and  
25. to be here when they arrive tomorrow evening.





1. DAVE: I thought this field was intended for use by our own  
2. airplanes, Jim. What's the Major got to do with it?  
3. JIM: Well, of course we did pick this spot way up here in the  
4. mountains so that our Forest Service planes carryin' men  
5. and supplies to fires could use it as an emergency field.  
6. But now, there's a chance that it might come in handy now  
7. and then in the Army fliers' training program, too.  
8. DAVE: For training purposes huh, Jim?  
9. JIM: Well, more for emergency landings, I'd say. But that's  
10. why Major Burnett's coming up here. He's making a survey  
11. of landing fields in this area.  
12. DAVE: Well, those Army boys are welcome to their flying. I'm  
13. willing to build this field but they can do all the landing  
14. on it. If you ask me, Jim, there's just too many trees and  
15. ridges hereabouts to make a fellow feel safe about dropping  
16. down in here at 85 or 100 miles an hour. No sir, not for me.  
17. JIM: (CHUCKLES) I'll see if I can't get you a ride first thing,  
18. Dave... After the field's finished... Anyway, our American  
19. pilots are the best in the world. And this field'll be  
20. gravy for any of 'em, when it's finished.  
21. DAVE: I suppose so...well, I think we'll try to get back on that  
22. runway tomorrow, Jim. All it needs is some grading and  
23. levelling.  
24. JIM: Fine, Dave. The sooner the better...I think I'll hit the  
25. hay now, Dave. Where do I.....?

I thought this time was intended for me to see you

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1. DAVE: That's your cot over there, Jim. Had the boys bring it in  
 2. here. Might be a littlewarmer here than the foremens'  
 3. quarters.

4. JIM: I don't mind the cold, Dave. But much obliged, anyway.

5. DAVE: OK. Well, goonight, Jim.

6. SOUND OF DOOR OPENING

7. JIM: Goodnight, Dave (TELEPHONE RINGS LONG AND TWO SHORTS)...  
 8. say, that's your telephone ring, isn't it? Long and two  
 9. shorts?

10. DAVE: Yeah... Sit still, Jim. I'll answer it. (DOOR SLAMS:  
 11. TELEPHONE RECEVIER OFF HOOK) Hello...Side Camp.

12. JERRY: (#1 FILTER) Hello. Dave? This is Jerry. Say, is Jim  
 13. around?

14. DAVE: Yeah, right here (ASIDE) Jerry wants to talk to you, Jim.  
 15. (TO PHONE) Here he is, Jerry.

16. JIM: Hello, Jerry. What're you doin' up so late? You've got to  
 17. et started early in the morning if you're goin' to meet  
 18. Major Burnett on time.

19. JERRY: (#1 FILTER EXCITEDLY) Jim, the Major's havin' trouble.

20. JIM: Huh? What's that?

21. JERRY: (#1 FILTER) I've got the Elk City Airport dispatcher on the  
 22. line. He's in touch with Major Burnett now. By radio.

23. JIM: By radio? What happened, Jerry? Major Burnett should  
 24. have been at Elk City a long time ago.

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1. JERRY: (#1 FILTER) Yeah, I know. But he's been flying off course  
2. for a couple of hours or more. He got caught in a snowstorm  
3. about 200 miles south of here, the dispatcher says. Had to  
4. cruise around to clear it. An' his radio set went back on  
5. him, to boot. He was only able to contact Elk City a short  
6. time ago. An' ....

7. JIM: Where is the Major now, Jerry? Headin' for Elk City?

8. JERRY: (#1 FILTER) No, Jim, he's over the Pine Cone now. Carolin'  
9. overhead in fact. But you didn't let me finish, Jim...  
10. He's running out of gas. Figures he's got enough to last  
11. half an hour... nor more (WORRIED) WHERE can he land, Jim?  
12. That's what's worryin' me an' the Elk City dispatcher. The  
13. Major, too, I guess. He can't possibly make it to Elk City.

14. JIM: There's no field anywhere around except at Elk City, Jerry  
15. .... No.... Wait. Listen, Jerry. Is the Elk City  
16. dispatcher still in touch with the Major?

17. JERRY: (#1 FILTER) Yeah, Jim. An' the dispatcher's been hooked up  
18. with us all the time we've been talkin'. Do you want to  
19. talk to him yourself?

20. JIM: No. You handle the message, Jerry. Tell the dispatcher to  
21. contact Major Burnett and ask the Major to change his radio  
22. frequency to thirty-two hundred and fifty kilocycles. That's  
23. our Forest Service wave length. I know they can do that with  
24. the Army radio sets.

25. JERRY: (#1 FILTER) I got yuh, Jim. Go on.





1. JIM: I want the Major to call me directly. I've got our radio  
 2. set right here handy, on the truck. You know the call  
 3. letters....KBAB. And Jerry, listen. When you finish with  
 4. the dispatcher head up here as fast as you can. An' you'd  
 5. better bring a drum of that aviation gas that's stored in the  
 6. oil house.

7. JERRY: (#1 FILTER) Gosh, Jim. You goin' to have the Major land on  
 8. our field?

9. JIM: Don't know yet. You better get goin', Jerry. Goodbye.

10. JERRY: (#1 FILTER) Be up there as quick as I can. So-long, Jim.  
 11. (RECEIVER UP)

12. JIM: C'mon Dave, no time to lose. Gotta get that set goin'  
 13. (HURRIED FOOTSTEPS) (DOOR OPENS AND SLAMS)

14. DAVE: What are you goin' to do, Jim? You're not goin' to let him  
 15. land here are you? That's be suicide.

16. JIM: Sshh... Gotta get this set tuned, quick.

17. SOUND OF RADIO SET TUNING, FADE IN MOTOR HUM BEHIND FILTER

18. MAJOR: (#2 FILTER) NC-18 Calling KBAB, Forest Service. NC-18 to  
 19. KBAB. Come in, KBAB.

20. JIM: This is KBAB. Jim Robbins talkin'. Can you get me all  
 21. right, Major?

22. MAJOR: (#2 FILTER) Coming in fine, Ranger. Go ahead.

23. JIM: I understand you don't have much gas left, Major. There are  
 24. no landing fields closer than Elk City... except this little  
 25. field I'm talking from. An' this field's not finished.  
 Runway's not complete. Do you understand?



1. MAJOR: (#2 FILTER) Coming in OK, Ranger. What do you suggest?  
2. JIM: We might be able to do a little quick work here, on this  
3. field. But it's up to you to decide whether you want to  
4. land here. This field seems to be your best bet. About the  
5. only bet, I'm afraid. We could put some lights around but  
6. it'll be mighty rough landing, Major. Go ahead.  
7. MAJOR: (#2 FILTER) Where is this field? I'm ready to come in.  
8. JIM: How about your landing gear? Do you have skis? There's  
9. snow on the ground here.  
10. MAJOR: (#2 FILTER) No skis this trip. Wheels on landing gear.  
11. Think you can clear the runway?  
12. JIM: We'll do our best. Now listen, Major, Head due northeast  
13. from Winding Creek. That is, from the town of Winding  
14. Creek. I understand you're circling over it now. This  
15. field's about twenty miles from there. Watch out for two  
16. ridges runnin' southeast and southwest from one high point.  
17. This field's down between them to the south. An' we'll  
18. have lights for you. Come in from the South when you land.  
19. There's no wind here. Did you get all that, Major?  
20. MAJOR: (#2 FILTER) Northeast twenty miles. Ridges from high point  
21. running southeast and southwest with the field between and  
22. to the south. Approach for landing from the south. All OK?  
23. JIM: That's right. We'll get to work here right away. And,  
24. Major, good luck!  
25. MAJOR: (#3 FILTER) Thanks, Ranger. Well, I'll be seeing you. (FADE)  
NC-16 clear with KBAB.





1. JIM: KBAB clear. (CLICK OF RECEIVER OFF) Well, Dave, we've got  
2. a job cut out for us. Better get Red and the bulldozer  
3. goin' on that runway. Tell him to work down to the rough  
4. dirt at the unfinished end and smooth it a bit. It's  
5. frozen pretty hard and ought to hold up the plane. I'll  
6. handle the lights myself.

7. DAVE: What about lights, Jim? We don't have any big searchlights  
8. an' the oil lanterns won't make much of a show.

9. JIM: I know. We can't hope to light up the whole field. But we  
10. gotta get enough to guide him down. Thought I'd use some of  
11. those extra cot mattresses soaked in kerosene. You've got  
12. plenty of that on hand. An' they ought to make pretty good  
13. flares.

14. DAVE: Yeah, that'll do the trick. But I'd better get goin'. I'll  
15. turn the boys out with the fire alarm here.

16. (SOUND SIREN, BUILD TO HIGH PITCH AND FADE OUT)

17. PAUSE

18. (FADE I AIRPLANE MOTOR, SUSTAIN)

19. JIM: There's the plane, Dave. He must be pretty low on gas by  
20. now.

21. DAVE: Red's got the runway smoothed up a little an' they're lighting  
22. the last flare down there at the end of the field. Think  
23. the Major can see those burning mattresses all right, Jim?

24. JIM: Sure he can. Say, Dave, we'd better head down to the end  
25. of the runway. Looks as though he's through circlin'  
around. Yuh got the boys ready?





1. DAVE: All set, Jim. Look! He's heading down. (MOTOR UP) He's  
 2. comin' in too close to those trees, Jim. He's gonna crack  
 3. up sure. (MOTOR CLOSE)

4. JIM: Wait... he sees 'em. (MOTOR ZOOMS AWAY, SUSTAIN AS IN  
 5. CIRGLING) Whew! That was close.

6. DAVE: Say that Major's a real flier, isn't he?

7. JIM: There's skill for you, all right. And courage, too, Dave.  
 8. Look, he's ready to try it again. We'd better run if  
 9. we're goin' to get down there when he lands.

10. SOUND OF RUNNING FEET, SOUND OF MOTOR AS IN LANDING

11. FADE IN CROWD NOISE

12. JIM: (UP) Hey, you boys. Get back, get back, you're too close  
 13. to the runway.

14. DAVE: Here he comes! Here he comes!

15. JIM: Yeah. If he can only keep 'er right side up. If he can  
 16. only stop in time.

17. DAVE: The dirt's holdin' up, Jim. But he's goin' to hit the  
 18. snow bank! He's.... no, he's stoppin' the plane. There!  
 19. He's in an' safe! (PLANE MOTOR CUT)(BABBLE OF VOICES  
 20. BACK) Say, Jim, that man's all right!

21. JIM: I'd say so. Well, here he is, getting down out of the  
 22. plane...Hello, Major Burnett. I'm Jim Robbins. An' this  
 23. is Dave Parsons, an' the boys.

24. MAJOR: Hello, gentlemen. Well, looks like we made it. I'm  
 25. obliged to all of you.



1. JIM: You had us pretty worried, Major. You sure made a fine  
2. landing.  
3. MAJOR: Thanks.  
4. JIM: I reckon you must be pretty tired. Come on over  
5. to the camp. We've got food and a cot waiting for you.  
6. MAJOR: No thanks, Ranger. If I can get some gas for my  
7. plane I'll be taking right off.  
8. DAVE: What?  
9. JIM: I thought you planned to spend some time looking over this  
10. field, tomorrow, Major?  
11. MAJOR: I've seen all I need to see, Ranger. Your little Forest  
12. Service field here has splendid possibilites. Yes, splendid  
13. possibilities. Ideal for emergency landings. Especially  
14. since pilots will be doing some mountain flying around here.  
15. DAVE: Don't you want to rest up awhile first, Major?  
16. MAJOR: That can wait, gentlemen. I have a very full week ahead of  
17. me. Landing here has made it possible for me to catch up  
18. on my schedule. I've been behind, you see. Now, if it's  
19. possible to get some gasoline, I'll be on my way.  
20. DAVE: Well, I'll be...  
21. DJIM: All right, Major, Jerry Quick, our assistant ranger, is  
22. on his way up here now with the gas. We'll help you put it  
23. aboard. In the meantime Major (FADE) s'pose you have  
24. somethin' to eat at least.  
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